

Response  
Application No. 09/809,106  
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**REMARKS**

Claims 1 - 17 are pending in the present application. By this Amendment, claims 2, 3, 6, 9, 11, 12, 15 and 16 have each been amended and claims 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 13, 14 and 17 have been cancelled. No new matter has been added. It is respectfully submitted that this Amendment is fully responsive to the Office Action dated April 21, 2006.

**Allowable Claim Subject Matter:**

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication in item 26 of the Office Action that claims 2, 3, 6, 9, 11, 12, 15 and 16 would be allowable, if amended, to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

It is respectfully submitted that each of claims 2, 3, 6, 9, 11, 12, 15 and 16 have been rewritten into independent to include the features of their respective base and intervening claims. Thus, new independent claims 2, 3, 6, 9, 11, 12, 15 and 16 are allowable.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that all of the remaining pending claims 2, 3, 6, 9, 11, 12, 15 and 16 are allowable and the application is in condition for allowance, which action, at an early date, is requested.

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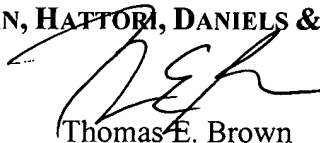
In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, Applicants submit that the claims, as herein amended, are in condition for allowance. Applicants request such action at an early date.

If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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